



LEGISLATURE

MINUTES

NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT INTERIM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 16, 2019 | 1:15 p.m. | 30 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Ralph Okerlund, Chair
Rep. Keven J. Stratton, Chair
Sen. Allen M. Christensen
Sen. David P. Hinkins
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Scott D. Sandall
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht
Rep. Scott H. Chew
Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost
Rep. Susan Duckworth
Rep. Joel Ferry
Rep. Phil Lyman
Rep. Calvin R. Musselman

Rep. Casey Snider
Rep. Christine F. Watkins
Rep. Logan Wilde

Members Absent:

Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes
Rep. Michael K. McKell
Rep. Mike Schultz

Staff Present:

Mr. J Brian Allred, Policy Analyst
Ms. Patricia Owen, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Rikka Strong, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Sidnee Bailey, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1 . Committee Business

Chair Okerlund called the meeting to order at 1:39 p.m..

2 . Energy Advisor Report / Review of Energy Policy

Dr. Laura Nelson, Governor's Energy Advisor, and Executive Director, Governor's Office of Energy, presented the Energy Advisor Report, gave an overview of the Utah Energy Policy, and responded to questions and comments from the committee.

[5 - State Energy Policy](#)

[5A - Energy Advisor Report Presentation](#)

MOTION: Rep. Chew moved to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2019, and September 18, 2019, meetings. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-14

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. J. Ferry
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. C. Musselman
Sen. R. Okerlund
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. M. McKell
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. M. Schultz

3 . Performance Audit of the Repayment Feasibility of the Lake Powell Pipeline (Report #2019-05)

J Brian Allred, Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, provided background on the audit and discussed possible committee action.

Benn Buys, Audit Manager, Office of the Legislative Auditor General, and August Lehman, Audit Supervisor, Office of the Legislative Auditor General, presented the performance audit, "Repayment Feasibility of the Lake Powell Pipeline" and responded to questions and comments from the committee.

[2A - Lake Powell Pipeline Audit Report](#)

MOTION: Rep. Albrecht moved to recommend that legislation should be drafted clarifying in statute the terms for repayment including state bond interest costs for the Lake Powell Pipeline. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 1 - 4.

Yeas-14

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. J. Ferry
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. C. Musselman
Sen. R. Okerlund
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays-1

Sen. A. Christensen

Absent-4

Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. M. McKell
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. M. Schultz

MOTION: Rep. Lyman moved to recommend that legislation should be drafted clarifying in statute how repayment costs can be divided among and within repayment contracts. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-15

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Chew
Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. J. Ferry
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. C. Musselman
Sen. R. Okerlund
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. M. McKell
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. M. Schultz

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to recommend that legislation should be drafted: (1) clarifying in statute final repayment time frames for outstanding reimbursable pipeline costs; and (2) determining whether multiple sources of funding for the Lake Powell Pipeline would be in the best interests of the state. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 3 - 3.

Yeas-13

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. J. Ferry
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. C. Musselman
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays-3

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Duckworth

Absent-3

Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. M. McKell
Rep. M. Schultz

4 . Uintah Basin Air Quality Research Project Report

Seth Lyman, Utah State University Bingham Entrepreneurship and Energy Research Center, presented a report on the Uintah Basin Air Quality Research Project and responded to questions and comments from the committee.

[3A - Uintah Basin Air Quality Research Project Handout](#)

[3A - Uintah Basin Air Quality Research Project Presentation](#)

5 . State Monuments Report

Rikka Strong, Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, provided a brief overview of the State Monuments Act.

Jeff Rasmussen, Director, Division of Parks and Recreation, and Rep. Steve Eliason, presented two new options for Utah State Monuments under the Utah State Monuments Act.

MOTION: Rep. Stratton moved to open two committee bill files as concurrent resolutions to make Danger Cave State Park Heritage Area and Old Iron Town State Park Heritage Area new Utah State Monuments. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 7.

Yeas-12

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Chew
Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. S. Duckworth
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. P. Lyman
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0

Absent-7

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. M. McKell
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. L. Wilde

6 . Draft Legislation - "Jordan River Recreation Area Funding Management"

Rep. Mike Winder presented the draft legislation "Jordan River Recreation Area Funding Management."

[7A - Draft Legislation - "Jordan River Recreation Area Funding Management"](#)

MOTION: Sen. Sandall moved to approve "Jordan River Recreation Area Funding Management" as a committee bill. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-13

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Chew
Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. S. Duckworth
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. C. Musselman
Sen. R. Okerlund
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays-0

Absent-6

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. T. Hawkes
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. M. McKell
Rep. M. Schultz

7 . Draft Legislation - "Trail Improvement Amendments"

Rep. Mike Winder presented the draft legislation "Trail Improvement Amendments."

[8A - Draft Legislation - "Trail Improvement Amendments"](#)

Chair Okerlund asked Rep. Stratton to conduct the meeting.

8 . Report on the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office Statutorily Defined Duties Related to Public Lands

Kathleen Clark, Coordinator, Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office, discussed the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office statutorily defined duties related to public lands and responded to questions and comments from the committee.

[6 - Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office - 2019 S.B. 5](#)

[6A - Utah Shared Stewardship Action Plan](#)

9 . Other Items/Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Snider moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 11.

Yeas-8

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. K. Stratton
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays-0

Absent-11

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Duckworth
Rep. J. Ferry
Rep. T. Hawkes
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. M. McKell
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Chair Stratton adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m..